

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently amended) An electronic device, comprising:

an interface for data transfer including a signal line and a power supply line with a limited maximum allowable current, said interface allowing the supply of predetermined electric power to the electronic device from external equipment with power supply function only when predetermined communication is performed between the electronic device and the external equipment via the interface, and wherein said electronic device is adapted to operate with more current consumption than is provided for through a single port of said interface;

~~the said electric~~ electronic device further comprising:

at least two ports being included as part of the interface;

control means connected to each of said at least two ports of the interface;

a body portion connected to said control means; and

power supply control means connected between each respective power supply line of said at least two ports of the interface and a power supply line of said body portion,

wherein said control means ~~performs on control of~~ turns on said power supply control means to thereby permit operation of the electronic device only when the supply of predetermined electric power through each of said at least two ports of the interface is permitted confirmed as a result of communication between said control means and the external equipment.

3. (Currently amended) ~~The~~ An electronic device ~~according to claim 2, wherein said interface has specifications that, comprising:~~

an interface for data transfer including a signal line and a power supply line with a limited maximum allowable current, said electronic device allowing the supply of predetermined electric power to the electronic device from an external equipment with power supply function is

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~~permitted~~ only when predetermined communication is performed between the electronic device and the external equipment ~~via the interface, and;~~

at least two interface ports;

control means connected to each of said at least two interface ports; and

a body portion connected to said control means;

wherein said control means, on the basis of the result of communication with the external equipment, controls said body portion in such a manner that at least part of functions of said body portion can not be used until the supply of predetermined electric power through each of said at least two ports of the interface is ~~permitted~~ confirmed, and all of the functions of said body portion become available only when the supply of predetermined electric power through each of said at least two ports of the interface is ~~permitted~~ confirmed.

4. (Currently amended) ~~The~~ An electronic device ~~according to claim 2, wherein said interface has specifications that, comprising:~~

an interface for data transfer including a signal line and a power supply line with a limited maximum allowable current, said electronic device allowing the supply of predetermined electric power to the electronic device from an external equipment ~~with power supply function is permitted~~ only when predetermined communication is performed between the electronic device and the external equipment ~~via the interface, and;~~

at least two interface ports;

control means connected to each of said at least two interface ports; and

a body portion connected to said control means;

wherein said control means, on the basis of the result of communication with the external equipment, controls said body portion in such a manner that at least part of functions of said body portion can be used only with limited performance until the supply of predetermined

electric power through each of said at least two ports of the interface is ~~permitted~~ confirmed, and all of the functions of said body portion become available without limitations only when the supply of predetermined electric power through each of said at least two ports of the interface is ~~permitted~~ confirmed.

5. (Previously presented) The electronic device according to claim 2, wherein said interface has specifications that the supply of predetermined electric power to the electronic device from an external equipment with power supply function is permitted only when predetermined communication is performed between the electronic device and the external equipment via the interface, and wherein

said body portion connected to said control means is adapted to perform substantive data transmission and reception with respect to the external equipment,

said substantive data transmission and reception between said body portion and the external equipment being carried out through one of said at least two ports of the interface.

6. (Previously presented) The electronic device according to claim 2, wherein said body portion comprises an information storage device.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Original) The electronic device according to claim 3, wherein said body portion comprises an information storage device.

9. (Original) The electronic device according to claim 4, wherein said body portion comprises an information storage device.

10. (Original) The electronic device according to claim 5, wherein said body portion comprises an information storage device.

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11. (Original) The electronic device according to claim 3, wherein said body portion comprises a disk recording and reproducing device, and said at least part of the functions is a data recording function.

12. (Original) The electronic device according to claim 4, wherein said body portion comprises a disk recording and reproducing device, and said at least part of the functions with limited performance is disk rotation speed.

13. (Original) The electronic device according to claim 2, wherein said interface is a USB interface, said predetermined communication is a configuration operation, and said control means comprises a device controller.

14. (Original) The electronic device according to claim 3, wherein said interface is a USB interface, said predetermined communication is a configuration operation, and said control means comprises a device controller.

15. (Original) The electronic device according to claim 4, wherein said interface is a USB interface, said predetermined communication is a configuration operation, and said control means comprises a device controller.

16. (Original) The electronic device according to claim 5, wherein said interface is a USB interface, said predetermined communication is a configuration operation, and said control means comprises a device controller.

17. (Original) The electronic device according to claim 6, wherein said interface is a USB interface, said predetermined communication is a configuration operation, and said control means comprises a device controller means comprises a device controller.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Original) The electronic device according to claim 8, wherein said interface is a USB interface, said predetermined communication is a configuration operation, and said control means comprises a device controller.

20. (Original) The electronic device according to claim 9, wherein said interface is a USB interface, said predetermined communication is a configuration operation, and said control means comprises a device controller.

21. (Original) The electronic device according to claim 10, wherein said interface is a USB interface, said predetermined communication is a configuration operation, and said control means comprises a device controller.

22. (Original) The electronic device according to claim 11, wherein said interface is a USB interface, said predetermined communication is a configuration operation, and said control means comprises a device controller.

23. (Original) The electronic device according to claim 12, wherein said interface is a USB interface, said predetermined communication is a configuration operation, and said control means comprises a device controller.

24-30. (Canceled)